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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6594**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1364

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 19, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Rulemaking.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Wolkins

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill prohibits the Air Pollution Control Board, Water Pollution Control Board, and Solid Waste Management Board from adopting a rule or standard that is more stringent than a corresponding federal provision established under federal law unless the: (1) rule or standard is adopted under a statute that authorizes the board to adopt a rule or standard that is more stringent than the corresponding federal provision; (2) rule expires not later than January 1 of the seventh year after the year in which the rule takes effect; (3) standard is included in an emergency order under certain circumstances; or (4) rule or standard is included in an emergency rule under certain circumstances.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The proposal could affect state and local expenditures to the extent that it may prohibit the imposition of rules that could either save or require additional spending by state and local governments. The impact is indeterminable and would depend on the nature and number of rules affected by the proposal.

The proposal could reduce expenses of the Air Pollution Control Board, Water Pollution Control Board, and Solid Waste Management Board to the extent that the boards may not have to meet as often because their work could be diminished by the proposal.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *See State Expenditures above.*

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *See State Expenditures above.*

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Environmental Management and the Air Pollution Control Board, Water Pollution Control Board, and Solid Waste Management Board.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Potentially all local units of government.

**Information Sources:**

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